

OPINION

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"St. Kliment Ohridski ", №ПД 38-182 / 05.05.2020 г.

Subject: Competition for the academic position "PROFESSOR"

I. Details of the competition and its procedure

The competition was announced in state newspaper No. 21 / 13.03.2020, with a term of 2 months, in the Scientific field of higher education: Pedagogical sciences, Professional field: 1.3.Pedagogy of education in ... (Physical education and sports - football), for the needs of the Department of Sports at Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski ".

The competition was announced on the grounds of Art. 4 and Art. 29a of ZRASRB, art. 60 et next of the Regulations for application of the ZRASRB and Art. 118 para (1) and (3) of the Regulations for the conditions and the order for acquiring scientific degrees and occupying academic positions in Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski "and decision of the Departmental Scientific Council of the Department of Sports, DIUU, DEO, protocol 17 / 27.03.2020.

During the implementation of the separate stages of the procedure for announcing and conducting the competition, omissions and violations have not been admitted. The scientific jury for the competition is composed of Order №ПД 38-182 / 05.05.2020 of the Rector of Sofia University "St. Kl. Ohridski "and held its first meeting on 21.07.2020, and the subsequent actions of the procedure meet the requirements of the above regulations.

II. Candidate details

One candidate participates in the competition - Assoc. Prof. Georgi Vladimirov Ignatov, Ph.D. He graduated from secondary high education school in 1991, and higher education at NSA "Vassil Levski" in the period 1995 - 2001, where he graduated with a bachelor's degree in "Physical Education" with a professional qualification "Physical Education Teacher". and "Sport" with a professional qualification "Football Coach", after which he acquired a Master's degree in sports with a specialization in "Sports at school and in his spare time". In 2012, after successful defense of a dissertation on the topic: "Experimental substantiation of a methodology for training young football referees" Georgi Ignatov was awarded the educational and scientific degree "DOCTOR" in the scientific specialty 05.07.05 - Theory and methodology of physical education and sports training (incl. Methodology of physical therapy), according to Diploma № 000041 from 07.06.2012 of the National Sports Academy "Vassil Levski".

After a successful pedagogical activity in the period 1999-2008, as a teacher of physical education and sports at 121 secondary high education school and Sofia Vocational School of Tourism, Georgi Ignatov gradually established himself in the academic field, initially as a part-time football teacher at the Department of Sports at Sofia University. "St. Kliment Ohridski ", where since 2008 he

has been an assistant, since 2012 he has been a chief assistant, and since 2014 he has been an associate professor.

In his academic activity he teaches in disciplines in the specialty "Physical Education and Sports" at the Faculty of Education and Arts and the Faculty of Primary and Preschool Education, leads the discipline "Optimization education of FVS" in the Master's program "Sports activities and tourism", manages Sports Improvement - "Football" in Faculty of Education and Arts, and with all specialties of all 16 faculties at Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski" leads the discipline "Sport - Football". All this is related to excessive hourly engagement, both with lectures and practical exercises. Evidence of his successful performance in the academic activity is that since 2014 Assoc. Prof. Georgi Ignatov is responsible for the specialty "FVS" by the Department of Sports, and since October 2017 he is Head of the Department "Sports Games and Mountain Sports" to the Department of Sports.

Assoc. Prof. Georgi Ignatov has an extremely active scientific-practical and public activity. He is a participant in 21 projects in the field of education and sports in the Republic of Bulgaria. During the period 2016 - 2020 he was the scientific supervisor of four doctoral students. Three of them are at the Department of Sports at Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski" and successfully defend their dissertations. He is a member of the organizing committee of international scientific conferences organized by the Department of Sports at Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski" from 2009 until today. He is the head and secretary of the Scientific Conferences of the Department of Sports. He is a member of the Editorial Boards of the Yearbooks of the Department of Sports and the Proceedings of the Scientific Conferences organized by the Department of Sports from 2012 until today. He is a member of the editorial board of the scientific-methodical journal "Sports and Science" - from 01.01.2016 to 31.12.2019. He is a member of the Departmental Scientific Council between the Department of Language Learning, Department of Information and teacher training and the Department of Sports at Sofia University. He is a member of the newly established Scientific Commission of the Department of Sports since 2019. He is a member of the Council of the Department of Sports at Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski" from 2013 until today. From 2013 to 2017 he was a member of the Attestation Commission and the Quality Commission at the Department of Sports, and from 2017 he was Chairman of the Mandate Commission at the Department of Sports at Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski". He is a member of the General Assembly and the Central Election Commission for election of individual and collective bodies of management and control of Sofia University.

Among the sports and pedagogical performances of Assoc. Prof. Georgi Ignatov significantly stand out his career as a footballer in the period 1984 - 1998 and as a football referee from 1997 until now, when he has 2238 matches behind him, and is currently chairman of the SC at ZS - Sofia and a member of the NSC at the Bulgarian Football Union. He is a lecturer at the Bulgarian Football Coaching School from 2019 until today. It is worth noting the activities that Assoc. Prof. Georgi

Ignatov carries out through AUS "Academic", where he is Chairman of the Sports and Technical Commission from 2014 to 2019, and in 2010 to this day is Chairman of the Technical Commission on Football.

I believe that the data presented in this way for the candidate, regarding the degrees of education, the academic positions held, scientific-practical and public activity correspond to the necessary requirements for participation in the announced competition for the academic position "PROFESSOR".

III. Description of scientific works

The scientific production of Assoc. Prof. Georgi Ignatov for the period 2002 - 2020 is impressive in volume, focus and content. In addition to the already mentioned dissertation, he is an independent author of two monographs, one study and 93 other publications.

In connection with his participation in the current competition for the academic position of "Professor" Assoc. Prof. Georgi Ignatov presents 38 scientific papers, which in quantity and quality I believe meet the regulatory requirements. It is about 1 monograph, 1 study and 36 scientific articles and reports, of which 11 are independent. The number of scientific publications in the form of reports with which Assoc. Prof. Georgi Ignatov has participated in international (11, 12, 13, 21, 31, 34, 36, 37, 38) and national and domestic conferences is also impressive. , 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 28, 29, 30, 32, 33, 35).

According to the data, from the submitted Information for implementation of the minimum national requirements under Art. 2b of ZRASRB for scientific field 1. Pedagogical sciences, PN 1.3. Pedagogy of training in..., the candidate meets all indicators with the following values in groups: A - 50 points; B - 100 points; G - 243.5 points; D - 145 points; E - 195 points. These indicators speak of a high scientific and teaching intensity, which fully meets the requirements for the position of "professor" at Sofia University "St. Kl. Ohridski".

Among the publications subject to review for participation in the current competition for "professor" with special weight on the scientific specialty of the competition are the monographic work "Current highlights in today's comprehensive training of the football referee. Model for the physical preparation of football referees. ", the study "Graffic measurement control of athletic and technical activities and physical work done by football referees at official games.", as well as 18 publications (2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 10, 11, 13, 14, 20, 22, 28, 29, 32, 33, 34, 36, and 37) related to applied aspects of football for students and football refereeing.

In the monograph "Current highlights in today's comprehensive training of the football referee. Model for the physical preparation of football referees." Assoc. Prof. Georgi Ignatov reveals the modern concepts in the development of football refereeing in its key areas - historical, methodological, psychological, physical, selection and others. The monograph is a valuable tool and methodological guide in relation to the theoretical and applied bases and possibilities for solving the problems related to effective football refereeing, based on a study of different decision-making styles of elite football

referees in Bulgaria, a study the functional workload of football referees during official meetings and the disclosure of the essence of the methodology for physical training of football referees, incl. a sample program for stabilizing the muscles of football referees and a model for warming up referees before a football match.

The study "Graffic measurement control of athletic and technical activities and physical work done by football referees at official games." is the work of Assoc. Prof. Ignatov with emphasized methodological and applied value, which contributes to a more objective establishment of the sports and technical level of Bulgarian judges and ways to improve their training.

The essential part of Assoc. Prof. Ignatov's publications are related to applied aspects of football for students and relate to:

- Specifics and optimization of football education and training in its various forms in higher education (3, 4, 10, 11, 13, 20, 23, 33, 34, 36, 37,);

- Analysis of the state of the University sport and in particular of the student football in the Republic of Bulgaria (7, 8, 9, 14, 15, 16, 17, 19, 22, 32).

In connection with the professional field 1.3. "Pedagogy of no education (physical education and sports) among the scientific papers of Assoc. Prof. Ignatov proposed for review, a total of 10 other scientific papers related to the theory and methodology of physical education and sports training for students can be differentiated (12, 18, 21, 25, 26, 27, 30, 31, 35, 38).

IV. Scientific contributions

The following main directions of the scientific and applied contributions of Assoc. Prof. Georgi Ignatov can be differentiated:

1. In the field of the theory and methodology of physical education and sports in higher education.

2. In the field of the training and competition process of the football teams of the University.

3. In the field of University sports in the Republic of Bulgaria.

4. In the field of the theory of football refereeing.

The scientific and applied contributions of Assoc. Prof. Georgi Ignatov are expressed in the following:

1. In the field of the theory and methodology of physical education and sports in higher education.

1.1. The condition in the specialty "Physical Education and Sports" at the Faculty of Science, Education and Arts at Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski ", in order to increase the efficiency and optimize the learning process in the specialty.

1.2. The role of HEI as a factor for the organization of students' free time has been studied. Suggestions have been made for both students and universities in order to improve and enrich the ways of organizing and consolidating their free time.

1.3. The relationship between cognitive styles and decision-making styles in students is defined.

2. In the field of the training and competition process of the football teams of the University.

2.1. The theory of "Sports - Football" activities has been enriched, as an "elective - compulsory" form of education in higher education, incl. problems and prospects for development in front of futsal, beach soccer and women's soccer. The attitude of the students to the "Elective - compulsory" form "Sport" in higher education was studied in order to optimize the learning process in sports in higher education.

2.2. The theory of "Sports - football" activities has been enriched, as "Sports improvement - elective - compulsory" form of education in higher education (football teams of higher education), incl. Recommendations were made to the management of the sports departments and divisions of the higher schools, as well as to the football coaches for improving the quality of work with the representative teams of the higher schools in order to increase the level of student football in the Republic of Bulgaria.

2.3. Possibilities for optimization of the training and competition process of the football teams of the University have been opened, by controlling the current state of the student-athletes through the "IRST" test.

2.4. The control of the changes in the physical abilities of the students from the representative football teams of higher schools has been improved through a circular activity with innovative station exercises.

2.5. The tactical systems of the game are analyzed, as well as the pressing actions of the players in order to improve the tactical training of the players from the student football teams.

3. In the field of University sports in the Republic of Bulgaria.

3.1. The overall current state of the University Sports in the Republic of Bulgaria is characterized.

3.2. The work of the Association for University Sports "Academic" is analyzed regarding the organization, the achieved results and the rankings of the National Student Universiades held under her leadership from 2014 to 2019.

3.3. The condition of the Student Football in the Republic of Bulgaria is described in detail, incl. The work of the Technical Commission on Football at AUS "Academic" was also analyzed. The organization, the achieved results and the ranking of the higher schools in the National University Football Championship and in the organized beach football and futsal tournaments for male and female students are monitored. Possible prospects for the future development of student football in the Republic of Bulgaria are outlined.

4. In the field of the theory of football refereeing

4.1. The theory of football refereeing has been enriched.

4.2. Our own sample plan-program for physical training of football referees has been created and tested, containing a total of 17 mesocycles with 3 microcycles each developed and illustrated.

4.3. An innovative sample program for stabilizing the muscles of football referees has been proposed.

4.4. An author's modern model for warming up the football referees before the football matches is proposed.

4.5. The psychological aspects and challenges for football referees before, during and after matches are classified.

4.6. The decision-making styles of elite football referees in our country are revealed.

4.7. For the first time in our country, the functional workload of football referees during official meetings has been studied.

4.8. The sports and technical actions and the performed physical work of leading young football referees, referees leading in the first league of Bulgaria and international referees leading matches in Bulgaria are characterized by the method of graphic measurement. The amount of work done by them in the guided matches is determined. Important summaries and conclusions have been made on the basis of the comparison and analysis, in order to increase the qualification of the football referees in Bulgaria.

V. Conclusion

I believe that all the above gives me reason to say that Assoc. Prof. Georgi Vladimirov Ignatov, PhD, meets the requirements of the announced in in state newspaper No. 21 / 13.03.2020, competition for "Professor" pursuant to Art. 4 and Art. 29a of ZRASRB, art. 60 et next of the Regulations for application of the ZRASRB and Art. 118 para (1) and (3) of the Regulations for the conditions and the order for acquiring scientific degrees and occupying academic positions in Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski ". The scientific production, the scientific contributions and his teaching work, managerial and expert activity give me reason to convincingly propose to the scientific jury to choose Assoc. Prof. Georgi Vladimirov Ignatov, PhD, for the academic position "Professor" in professional field 1.3. Pedagogy of training in... (Physical Education and Sports - Football), for the needs of the Department of Sports at Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski ".

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